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Rep. Savage Silent On Trip Overseas

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Rep. Gus Savage's two-week trip to Europe financed by a group that American intelligence officials call a Soviet front included stops in London and Athens for reasons he does not care to disclose, an aide to the Chicago Democrat said yesterday.

For the second straight day, Savage refused to come to the phone to answer questions about what he did on the tour paid for by the World Peace Council. The council, founded in Poland in 1950 and now based in Finland, has been accused by CIA officials of being a Soviet front.

Savage's administrative assistant, Herman Gilbert, said in a telephone interview that the congressman will talk about his trip "under the proper forum, but he doesn't look upon an interview as being the proper forum, okay?"